

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 15, 2003. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-7 are currently pending in this application, with claim 3 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Title

As requested by the Office Action, the title has been amended. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim objections and rejections

While not conceding the propriety of the objections and rejections to claims 1-2, and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 1-2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter. Withdrawal of these objections and rejections is respectfully requested.

Newly added claims

Newly added claim 3 and the claims dependent thereon include the features of:

a channel clock generation reference signal frequency divider that divides a channel clock generation reference signal;

a switching frequency divider having a switch, a first switching frequency divider and a second switching frequency divider,

said first and second switching frequency dividers receiving a high-frequency signal,

said first switching frequency divider dividing said high-frequency signal by a first dividing ratio to generate a first divided signal,

said second switching frequency divider dividing said high-frequency signal by a second dividing ratio to generate a second divided signal,

said switch outputting said first divided signal during playback of a first recording medium and outputting said second divided signal during playback of a second recording medium; and

a phase comparator, said phase comparator receiving said divided channel clock generation reference signal and one of said first and second divided signals,

said phase comparator compares the phase of said divided channel clock generation reference signal with one of said

first and second divided signals to output a phase error signal.

These features are not found within the cited prior art. Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

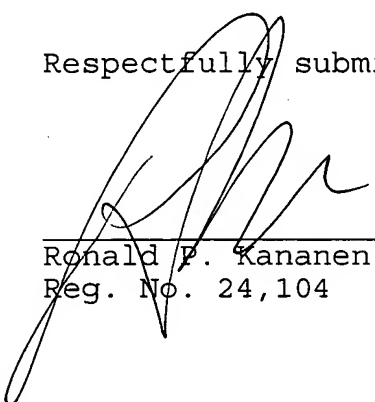
For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

Respectfully submitted,

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